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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-2, and 4-12 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 have been amended, claims 13-18 have been added, and claims 9-11 have been canceled without prejudice. As a result, claims 1-2, 4-8 and 12-18 remain pending. Claim 12 was allowed, and claims 1, 2 and 4-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being non-statutory subject matter because "the claims fail to set forth the operation of the claimed elements are tangible embodied on an article of manufacture." Office Action of 8/31/2004 at p.1.

Applicant amends independent claims 1 and 8 to overcome the statutory subject matter rejection. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite operation in "a computer system", and is thus in condition for allowance. Similarly, independent claim 8 is also amended and is in condition for allowance. Claims 13 and 17 also cover statutorily allowable subject matter, and all other claims are dependent upon allowable base claims. Hence, all claims are in condition for allowance, and allowance is respectfully requested.

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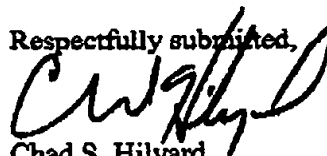
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at 303-607-3500.

Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments for this Amendment to Deposit Account 06-0029.

Respectfully submitted,



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